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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN AIRPORT SECURITY

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM DRAFTED BY AMCONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO, EMBASSY CONCURS.

- 1. BRAZILIAN AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE PRESENT TIME. NO MIXING OF SCREENED AND UNSCREENED PASSENGERS IS ALLOWED IN TRANSIT LOUNGES OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN BRAZIL. ALL PASSENGERS IN BRAZILIAN AIRPORTS, ON INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHTS ARE SCREENED AND REQUIRED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION (IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT) BEFORE ENTERING THE EMBARKATION AREA OF THE AIRPORT. THIS SCREENING INCLUDES CHECKS OF CARRY ON LUGGAGE AND FRISKING ON MOST OCCASIONS. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO INSTALL ELECTRONIC SCREENING SERVICES FOR PASSENGERS AND HAND LUGGAGE AT ALL MAJOR AIRPORTS.
- 2. IN JUNE 1974 FAA SECURITY SPECIALISTS CONDUCTED SECURITY CHECKS OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN BRAZIL SERVED BY U.S. AIRLINES. THEY REPORTED BRAZILIAN SECURITY MEASURES TO BE EXCELLENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. IN RECENT YEARS ONLY ONE ATTEMPTED HIJACKING HAS OCCURED (FEB 22, 1975). THAT ATTEMPT WAS ENDED BY FORCEFUL POLICE ACTION WHILE THE PLANE WAS ON THE GROUND.

4. FAA REP MET WITH DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION BRIG. SYLVIO GOMEZ ON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES. THE DAC SHARES USG CONCERN FOR TIGHTER SECURITY AT AIRPORTS, AND WILL TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO INSURE THAT AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES WILL SAFEGUARD INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ICAO ANNEX 17. GOB HAS RATIFIED THE 1970 AND 1971 HAGUE AND MONTREAL RESPECTIVE CONVENTIONS.

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